

He worked for McKeldin for 10 or 11 months.

"He was a quick learner," says Gene Raynor, the former head of the state election board and an astute political observer in his own right. "He became a master of precinct politics in the Byzantine world of politics in Baltimore City in the mid-'60s. There were not many people around who understood it as well as Pete Marudas. If I were a candidate anywhere in this state I would seek out Pete for advice."

"Paul is a kind of brainy guy, very, very smart, very, very brainy," Raynor says. "But he was in the clouds. Marudas was right down to earth. They complemented each other."

Thirty years ago, a somewhat wistful McKeldin told an interviewer, "He [Marudas] was the best in history. If only I had had him earlier in my career."

The same reporter who quoted McKeldin said a half-hour interview of Marudas stretched into a 90-minute discourse on Baltimore, the nation, Greece and the Orioles.

Marudas has not changed much over the years. He's an animated talker whose conversation moves by digression. His conversation veers happily from local to national to international politics like a bumper car in an amusement park.

Today, you'd certainly have to add the Mideast and the Balkans—and jazz.

SOME TOUGH YEARS

Marudas stayed on with Thomas A. D'Alesandro III after McKeldin left the mayor's office. They were tough years for Baltimore and the nation.

"I was thinking what I have been through and seen," Marudas says. "In the summer of '67, Newark and Detroit exploded. We felt we got through that summer. In '68, we had the assassinations. We had the urban disturbances. We had the Catonsville Nine trial. We had the [George] Wallace campaign."

"Then the war came in. Kent State, Johns Hopkins, they lost control over there. We had to helicopter [Charles McC] Mathias, then an anti-war member of the House of Representatives, to speak to the students. We had all those demonstrations. We didn't have what I'd call a normal year until '71."

That's when D'Alesandro decided not to run for a second term and Marudas went to Washington to work for Sarbanes.

"He brought one outstanding faculty as far as service to me as mayor and I think maybe to Sarbanes as senator," D'Alesandro says. "He could sense sincerity or baloney."

"He was almost like my alter ego. I sort of found in him somebody who thought like I thought. And he sort of read me, in the sense he knew the things I was interested in. He encouraged me in some things and cautioned me in other things."

"And never had a hidden agenda. You knew you were getting a real honest critique . . . And if we made a decision against him he went along. He sang the song."

"I don't ever remember his trying to take credit for anything. Everything was for me as mayor and Sarbanes as senator . . . I loved the guy."

And Sarbanes tells roughly the same story. "When you draw advice and counsel from Peter," he says, "the bottom line is always do the right thing."

He laughs.

"If he thinks you're going in the wrong direction he'll tell you in no uncertain terms. And he'll keep telling you if you keep moving in that direction."

PRIZED DISCRETION

Marudas' discretion is also legendary, highly prized by his bosses, but sometimes irritating to council members at City Hall. He's the reigning master of obfuscation.

Former Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke remembers council members complaining that they often did not understand what Marudas had just said.

"That was Peter being creatively enigmatic," Schmoke says. "That was his trademark."

Marudas picks up his own narrative thread: "I go over to Washington, saying maybe we have all this stuff behind us and in a couple of years we're into an impeachment. And Sarbanes is on the Judiciary Committee and he offers the first article of impeachment as a junior member."

Perhaps inevitably he thinks the Nixon impeachment was justified and Clinton's was not.

"You don't impeach a president for a lack of personal judgment," says Marudas, who read every single constituent letter on the Clinton impeachment received in Sarbanes' office. "He has to have violated his constitutional oath. Then you have to have really very strong constitutional grounds, not some flimsy excuse."

He returned to Baltimore again in 1987 for a stint as a seasoned senior member of the administration of Schmoke.

"I always wanted to work for someone younger than me," Marudas says. "My grandfather always said when you're young learn from the old. When you're old learn from the young."

Schmoke actually had been an intern in Sarbanes' office in the House of Representatives. He's as effusive in his praise of Marudas as the other politicians.

"If I were designing a course at a public policy school, and including a description of the effective staff person," says Schmoke, "I'd model that person on Peter Marudas."

Everybody asks if Marudas can actually leave politics behind. Sarbanes expects to be able to call on his advice when he needs it.

But right now Marudas plans to go to a wedding in Detroit with his wife, Irene. He'll listen to a lot of jazz. And he'll do a lot of dancing. He and Irene love dancing, especially salsa.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

OATS, INC., 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Oats, Inc., and congratulate them on the celebration of their 30th anniversary.

For 30 years Oats, Inc. has provided specialized transportation for the elderly, disabled and rural citizens in Missouri. Rural transportation is a very important piece of our federal transit system, particularly in Missouri and I thank Oats, Inc. for the exemplary job they have done. Oats, Inc. has continually upheld their strong commitment to their mission of providing reliable transportation for transportation disadvantaged Missourians so they can live independently in their own communities.

Oats, Inc., will celebrate their 30th anniversary on September 26, 2001. I would like to extend my appreciation to the volunteers and those attending the celebration for the support they have given to Oats, Inc. I would also like to thank Oats, Inc. for the outstanding services they have provided for the communities in Missouri and it

is my sincerest hope that their success extends over the next 30 years.●

TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY SANDERS OF KRISTIN'S KIDS CLUB

• Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize an outstanding young lady, Brittany Sanders, of Gladstone, MO, founder of Kristin's Kids Club. Ms. Sanders is truly extraordinary for having the commitment and vision to establish a children's club in memory of her friend, Kristin Bean, who died of cancer in 1996. This club's devotion to helping children is an inspiration to us all.

The Kristin's Kids Club was founded in 1999 in order to help children in need and to keep Kristin's spirit alive. Although the club was started by one extraordinary young girl, it now has more than 60 members. The club holds various fundraisers in order to raise money to give to charities and other organizations.

Not only do the members of this club raise money to help children, but they also help adults who are in need. They recently organized a variety show to benefit the Gladstone VFW Post 10906 to be used for the Clay County War Memorial fund. They also raised more than \$2,000 to assist the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack.

I commend Brittany Sanders and the other members of Kristin's Kids Club for all of their efforts on behalf of Missouri's children. I thank them for making me proud to be a Missourian.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 41

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following messages from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers